

FRENCH PIQUE  
MAY EXPLAIN  
HER ACTIONS

Trivial Incidents Subject Feelings of Delegates—France Dislikes Being Classed as Inferior Naval Power.

## FEELING HAS CHANGED

By MARK SULLIVAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The attitude of the present French government, toward Germany, toward the coming Genoa conference, toward our own Washington conference and toward the world generally, is so full of complications in which America cannot avoid being involved, that it is important to consider the subject.

The state of feeling, which arose about the French, and the part of the French here at the conference, seemed to be divided about equally between trivial incidents and matters of real national importance. A good deal of that happened seemed to be of the nature of what would be called, in intercourse between individuals, merely social slights.

This sort of thing began on the day of the opening session of the conference. When Briand came into the room and sought his seat, he found it not at the top side of the table, but just around the corner to the right. All the seats at the top side of the table were occupied by the American and British delegates. We thought we observed something less than gratification on the dark and heavy features of the French premier as he noticed this.

Also we observed that three days later, at the second session, and at all the subsequent sessions there had been a new shuffling of seats. One of the British delegates, Geddes, had been pushed around the corner to the left in order to make a seat at the top table for the head of the French delegation.

At that same opening session, after President Harding had delivered his speech, Mr. Hughes remarked that in as much as copies of the president's speech already printed, both in English as well as in French, had been distributed on the tables in front of the delegates, he presumed it would not be necessary to have the translator repeat the speech in French.

Having completed this explanation, Mr. Hughes turned to Briand and asked: "Will that be all right, Mr. Briand?"

The interpreter repeated in French, what Mr. Hughes had said, and when Briand took it in, he replied, with a manner of crudeness, which apparently, he did not care wholly to conceal, that in as much as the printed translations already had been distributed, and in as much as it was desirable to save time, he would not insist on a translation in French on this occasion.

Never Waived Again.

But we observed that Hughes never again, after the first day, made any suggestion about waiving the repeating of the speeches in French. None of us knew whether the French had spoken about it in so many words, or whether Hughes had merely taken a hint from Briand's manner.

All that we noticed was that thereafter there was never any waiving of the punctilious repetition of each speech in French. It consumed a good deal of time for the delegates, and bored most of the audience. The reporters used to call this punctilious repetition of each speech in French, "Telling it to Briand."

This sort of thing was typical of what seemed a perpetual French sensitiveness about their national dignity. French has long been the official language of diplomacy. To make it the official language for the present conference would be absurd.

French Sensitive.

The present conference is on the soil of an English speaking nation and the English speaking peoples represented at the conference are about 10,000,000 compared to France's 40,000,000. Nevertheless, France seemed to be clinging with watchful care to every prerogative of this kind.

The gossip of Washington was at all times full of stories of the display of French sensitiveness about the precise position they were given at official and private dinner tables and the like. One of the French delegates seemed to be in such a continual state of wounded feelings that a humorous reporter referred to him as "wounded Papa Pettingill."

In a broader sense than these minor matters, the French delegates had other experiences likely to wound what they call their amour propre. All the principal work of the early days of the conference had to do with the naval ratio, and the naval ratio was treated as a matter for Great Britain, Japan and the United States.

These three were the only nations specifically mentioned by Hughes in his proposals for the reduction of capital ship tonnage. These three were treated as if, in regard to naval matters they belonged in a class apart.

Literally True.

On the basis of actual naval strength, this is, of course, literally true. But the French did not enjoy having their relative inferiority "rubbed in" so to speak. During the war against Germany, there had been an understanding, between Great Britain and France, whereby Great Britain was to attend to the sea end, and France was to concentrate her efforts on land warfare.

The result was that for the past seven years France practically ceased the building of new ships. Great Britain, on the other hand, during the war greatly stimulated her shipbuilding, so that Japan and the United States, thus the end of the war found France in a weaker position on the sea than probably at any other time since modern sea power began. Among the nations

## Alone



After having spent six months alone on Ellis Island for treatment of disease, eight-year-old Stefanie Laub is on her way alone to join her parents, Russians, in Cleveland.

ANONYMOUS LETTER  
THREATENS LIFE OF  
SEYMOUR RESIDENT

(By Associated Press)

SEYMOUR, Ind., Jan. 28.—Reporting that he had received a letter threatening his life, unless he attempted to obtain the freedom of Ben Brooks, under death sentence for murdering A. B. Montgomery, J. U. Montgomery, today requested federal authorities to search for the author of the letter.

The letter, written in pencil, was mailed Thursday night at Columbus, Ind., and signed "Fred Snort." J. U. Montgomery, is a farmer living near here. He is said to have been active in the arrest of Ben Brooks, his father and two brothers on charges of chicken stealing from the A. B. Montgomery farm last spring. Ben Brooks was taken from jail here yesterday to the state prison. His execution has been set for May 1.

DETAIL NEW YORK  
DETECTIVES TO DUTY  
IN THEATRICAL ZONE

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Detectives of the New York police department were today detailed to duty at all theatres and resorts in the theatrical zone where bandits operated successfully last night, and others were ordered to round up men recently released from prison.

Seven armed bandits in three separate exploits yesterday and last night wounded two men and escaped with about \$7,000 in loot. One of the victims, a Philadelphia negro, is near death in St. Vincent's hospital.

Abraham Morrison, president of the Morrison Fountain Pen company, and an assistant were bound and gagged by three bandits in their office in the Gaiety theatre building, Broadway and 47th street, and robbed of \$600 in cash and several gross of valuable pens.

This was the second bandit operation in the theatrical zone in two days, an unsuccessful attempt having been made on Thursday night to rob the cashier of the Jolson theatre in Seventh avenue.

Two bandits last night held up a Philadelphia-bound truck laden with silks valued at \$20,000 and shot and wounded John Overton, negro, chauffeur, and August Koepf, guard, and fled when a crowd gathered.

The paymaster of the Borden Farm Products company was held up yesterday morning by two men who escaped with pay envelopes containing \$4,500.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING  
AT CAMP SHERMAN  
"FRAUD," SAYS JUDGE

(By Associated Press)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 28.—That vocational training at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, is "a farce and a fraud" is the statement made by Judge Robert S. Marx of this city, national commander of the disabled American Veterans of the World war, in a report presented in Washington today to Martin B. Madden, chairman of the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives. The report is the result of a personal visit made by Judge Marx to the camp.

"The school rooms have been made over in a make shift fashion," says Marx in the report. "In the electrical school which has an enrollment of 50 there were only 37 men actually present and of this number only two were doing anything." The equipment, he said, was such as could be picked up around any abandoned camp. Students told him, that the reason they were not working was that equipment had not come.

Not a single student was in the plumbing school, according to Marx. There was a dearth of equipment here as also was the case in the bakery, he declared.

Tailoring Department Better.

"It looked like real work was being done in the tailoring school," the report said. "There were only two or three men who seemed to be idle and it appeared that instruction was being given."

The shoe repairing school, the report stated, was the busiest in the camp.

"We did not find a single student who expressed satisfaction with the methods of teaching or with the courses of instruction he was receiving," Judge Marx said. "Many of the students wanted to go home but were afraid to ask, fearing they would be dropped from training entirely and thus lose the chance for rehabilitation."

SNOWSTORM  
BURIES EAST,  
HALTS TRAINS

General Suspension of Business and Social Activities Follows Heaviest Snowfall Since 1899.

## IS CREEPING UP COAST

(Special to The Palladium)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The states comprising the middle Atlantic section, were buried under the heaviest snowfall since the blizzard of 1899.

The storm, which began with almost unprecedented falls of snow in the Carolinas and Virginia, Thursday, was creeping up the coast, leaving buried cities, stalled trains, disrupted trolley service, and a general suspension of business and social activities in its wake.

It had reached the edge of New England, early today, although its center remained off the Virginia capes, and forecasts were for snow today and tonight along the coast from New York north, although not as heavy as that over the middle Atlantic section.

The snow early today was heaviest in the District of Columbia, with the fall at 10 o'clock reported at two feet. At that time it was still snowing and the weather bureau predicted continuation of the fall through the day and into the night.

Traffic Tied Up.

Starting shortly before dusk yesterday, snow fell continuously and by midnight railroads and trolley lines began to surrender. From midnight until 9 o'clock this morning no trains left the capital and only three arrived.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Railroad officials succeeded in getting out two trains, one over the Pennsylvania and another over the Baltimore and Ohio. In the national capital, street car service was practically suspended at day break, but was gradually restored on the trunk line.

Train service from the south where snowstorms have been reported for two days and from which section the storm came, was wholly suspended. Several trains from the south were reported stalled between Richmond and Washington with others being held at Richmond.

Covers Capital.

Starting late yesterday afternoon and still continuing early today the snow had covered the national capital to a depth of from a foot and a half to two feet. Street car service was practically suspended early today and prospects were all activity, governmental and otherwise would be greatly curtailed.

The storm which covered a large section of the east, did not come unheralded as for two or three days snow had been falling in the Atlantic states to the south of the Potomac river, in some states such as Virginia, breaking long standing records as to depth. The weather bureau yesterday had issued a prediction of heavy snow through the east and northern portion of the south.

Pennsylvania Avenue here was strewn with the hulks of wrecked automobiles. Absence of wind prevented the formation of drifts but the depth on the level was enough to strand practically all vehicles except those of the heavier type.

SAYS CONNERSVILLE  
PROPOSAL WILL NOT  
AFFECT CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Jan. 28.—

This city will not be affected by the proposed plans for the future development of the water power possibilities of the hydraulic canal which runs through Connersville, according to Charles Kerlin, manager of the municipal lighting plant. "Cambridge is independent of outside sources of power," he said.

At a probable cost of \$150,000, it is intended to install turbines at three points in Connersville, along the hydraulic canal, and after a comparative test of the relative cost of operation to extend the operations of the company if a cheaper source of power is developed.

Plans for the extension of the company's activities call for a 33,000 volt line to Newcastle and improvement of the line to this city.

The new installation is expected to furnish 700 kilowatts, or one-third of the heaviest load the present plant has ever carried, and one plant will be able to supply the requirements of both Newcastle and Connersville during light load periods, it is said.

IDENTIFY BANDITS  
WHO KILLED CASHIER

(By Associated Press)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 28.—Walter Joyce and Oren Graeme, Pittsburgh men, arrested yesterday after the First National bank, of Crafton, had been robbed and Harold Moss, assistant cashier, had been killed, were today identified by bank employees, as two of the party of bandits, who committed the crime. Graeme was identified by Frank King, janitor of the bank, as the man who shot Moss.

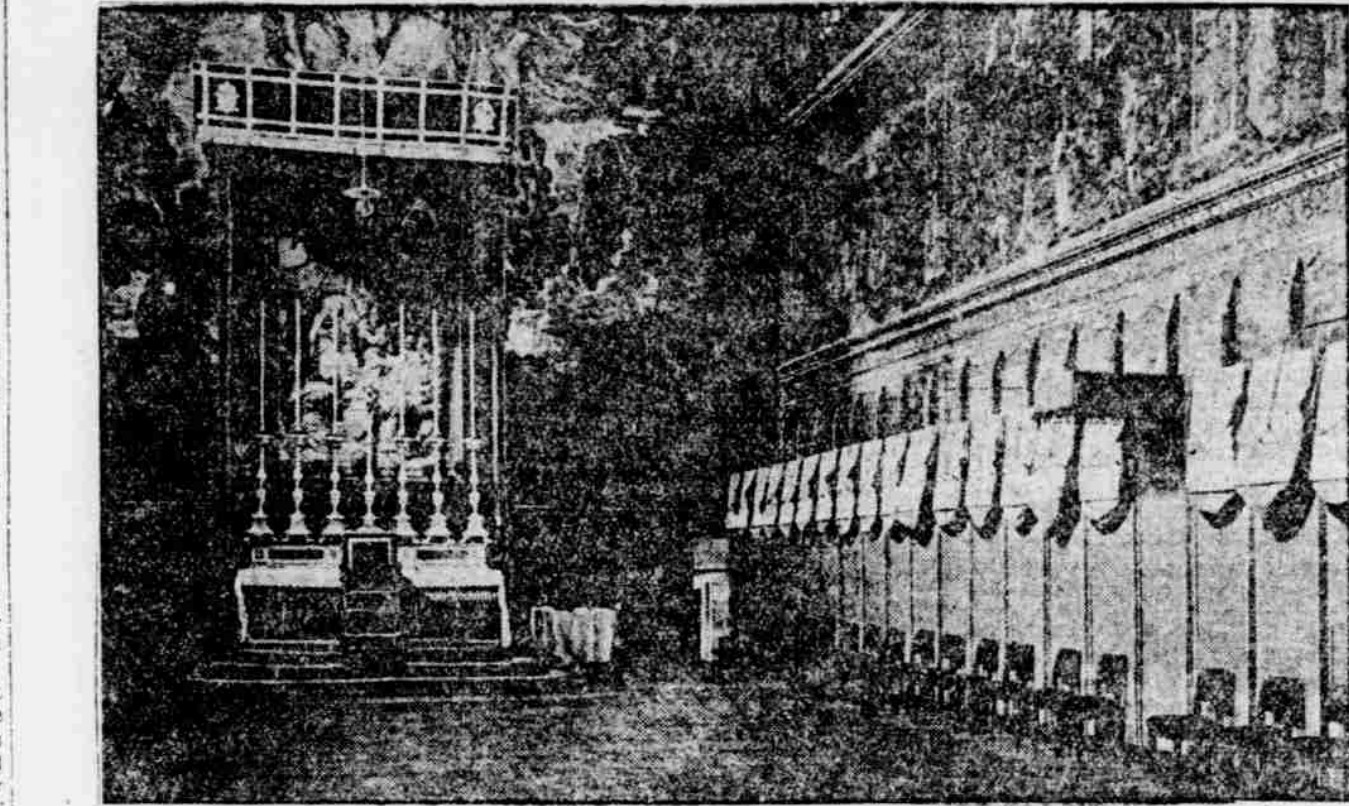
Joyce and Graeme, the police said, would be detained for further investigation. No formal charge was taken against them. Two other persons taken in the round up were released.

PRESIDENT TO RESIGN

(By Associated Press)

LISEON, Jan. 28.—It is understood that President D'Alema intends to offer his resignation at the assembling of the new parliament in February.

## Secret Room in Which Cardinals Will Cast Ballots for Pope



In this room, showing the seats and individual canopies, the 57 cardinals expected to attend the conclave February 2 will deliberate and cast their votes.

AMERICAN CARDINALS  
MAKE NO COMMENT  
REGARDING ELECTION

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Cardinal

Regin, of Canada, went aboard the steamship LaLorraine this morning to await the arrival of Cardinal Dennis J. Dougherty, of Philadelphia, who will accompany him to Rome. Called to the Eternal City for the exalted task of assisting in choosing a successor to the late Pope Benedict, they hope to arrive before the Sacred college has announced the election of a new Pontiff.

Cardinal Dougherty arrived from a holiday voyage in the West Indies on the steamer Fort St. George, last night and hastened immediately to his home in Philadelphia.

Father Joseph A. Whittaker, chancellor of the Philadelphia diocese was to accompany the two princes of the church. Neither of the Cardinals would make any comment concerning the conclave, which begins next Thursday.

Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, the only other North American Cardinal to go to the Vatican, for the selection of the new pope is already on the ocean on his way to Rome.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—Cardinal Dougherty left here at 8 a. m. today for New York, whence he sails at noon for the conclave of cardinals which will elect a new pope. He is being accompanied to Rome by the Very Rev. Joseph A. Whittaker, chancellor of the Philadelphia archdiocese. A number of priests and laymen escorted the cardinal to New York. His Eminence declined to discuss the conclave. The cardinal fears he will be too late to participate in the election.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, has stopped off at Milan on his way to Rome to attend the conclave of the sacred college and is said to be suffering from an attack of influenza. Says a Havas dispatch from Rome today.

He received an enthusiastic reception upon his arrival in Milan, the message states, but he was tired when he reached that city and found himself compelled to interrupt his trip and remain in bed.

ROME, Jan. 28.—Several republican members of the Chamber of Deputies are considering interpellation of Premier Bonomi upon the advisability of the Italian government officially recognizing the pope. The attitude of the Sacred college of the church toward a rapprochement is expected to be defined in its choice of a successor to the late Pope Benedict.

The republican deputies became interested in the question when they learned that President DeNicoletti, of the chamber, in accord with the government's policy, intended to pronounce a eulogy for the pontiff when the chamber reconvenes on Feb. 2, which is also the date on which the Sacred college will convene to choose the new pope.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—A Rome dispatch to the Havas agency says the opening of the conclave to elect a successor to Pope Benedict will be delayed 24 hours in order to give time for all the cardinals to arrive. The conclave originally was set for Feb. 2.

## Weather Forecast

MOORE'S LOCAL FORECAST.  
Fair tonight, Sunday unsettled with rain or snow Sunday or Sunday night.  
The above forecast is due to a gradual eastward movement of a wide spread storm which is central over the northwest.

Temperatures for Yesterday.  
Maximum.....31  
Minimum.....11

Today.

Weather Conditions.—Generally fair weather still prevails over the central states while a general storm covers the northwest. It is rather cool over the southern states, freezing temperatures as far south as northern Florida. Moderate temperature continue over the Mississippi valley states and a cold wave is developing over British Columbia.

Paid Circulation  
Yesterday, was  
11,555



On a ballot like this above the cardinals assembled to elect a supreme pontiff will mark their choice. After each vote without decision the ballots are burned.

COOLIDGE SAYS WISE POLICIES ARE LEADING  
NATION TO PROSPERITY; PRAISES WATSON, NEW

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 28.—The Indiana Republican Editorial association, at the largest gathering in the history of the association, heard Vice President Calvin Coolidge, Senator Harry S. New and Governor Warren T. McCray.

Senator New received an ovation from the editors when he entered the hall. He devoted his remarks largely to a brief summary of the achievements of the Harding Administration, dwelling especially on the four-power treaty formulated in Washington at the armament limitation conference.

Prosperity and tranquility were being brought to America through the endeavors of the Harding administration, Vice President Coolidge declared.

Opportunity Re-opened.

"The door of opportunity has been reopened," he declared in a review of the work of congress in revising the tax system, "so that youth and ambi-

GOV. M'CRAY ADMITS  
REPORT HE CALLED  
DEBS "ARCH TRAITOR"

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—Governor McCray in a reply today to Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, accepted responsibility for remarks in which the Governor was quoted as saying: "I am sorry, extremely sorry, that the arch-traitor of our country should live in the state of Indiana. I believe that he will be taught a lesson by the American Legion."

Debs in a letter to the Governor, asked if the executive's remarks, as published in an Indianapolis newspaper item regarding an American Legion post meeting were correct.

Governor Replies.

"In reply to your favor, I wish to say that in my belief, remark at a recent meeting of the George Dewey post American Legion, I did not speak from notes. What I had to say at that time was entirely extemporaneous and therefore, I am not sure of the language quoted in the newspaper, which you repeat, but in the main, it was what I said. As my authority for the statement, I refer to the fact that you were tried and convicted in the federal court, and served three years of the sentence imposed."

BUSINESS CENTER  
OF OHIO TOWN BURNS

(By Associated Press)

WELLSVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 28.—Much of the business center of this city was destroyed by fire early today, which broke out after midnight and which was still burning at 9 o'clock this morning. Fire departments from Chillicothe, Jackson were called to assist in fighting the flames.

The Lincoln hotel and much of the stock in which it was located was destroyed. The origin of the fire has not been determined. Seven families living in the block were forced to flee from their homes in their night clothing.

General Storm to Bring  
Rain, Snow and Cold

A general storm is moving south-east from the Canadian Rockies, and will cause rain over the southern states, rain or snow over the central states and snow over the Lake region and northern states, beginning Sunday or Monday and will be followed by general cold weather.

SHANK STIRS  
UP PROTEST  
OVER MERGER

Mayor of Indianapolis to Lead Parade to Statehouse Monday to Voice Complaint Against Action.

## DENY TROOPS READY

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—Mayor Lew Shank today declared a half holiday Monday for all city employees so that they might join his protest parade to the state house, where he said he would voice complaint against the action of the public service commission approving the Indiana Electric corporation consolidation project on a valuation basis of \$17,500,000.

Simultaneously with his declaration of the holiday the mayor sent telegrams to the mayors of Elkhart, Kokomo, and other cities, affected by the consolidation inviting them to take part in the demonstration which will start with a parade headed by Mayor Shank.

Announcement was also made by the mayor that he had received word Governor McCray would use state troops to prevent the demonstration but the governor said such action was "unheard of and ridiculous," while Adjutant General Harry B. Smith added that it was "absolutely absurd."

Mayor Shank said he had received a telephone message from a person representing himself as General Smith, saying that state action would be taken to prevent a "rowdy" demonstration.

Excitement Reigns.

Excitement reigned at both statehouse and city hall, caused by the mayor's announcement of possible use of troops.

Formal notice was given Governor McCray that a delegation of Indianapolis citizens would visit him on Monday to make known their stand on rate increases for any public utilities company. The governor said he would meet the delegation which it was said would be headed by Mayor Shank.

Characterizing the merger of the seven Indiana concerns into the Indiana Electric corporation as "the worst robbery scheme I have seen in 50 years of my life," Mayor Shank announced last night he will head the delegation of local citizens to the governor's office Monday, to insist that Governor McCray demand the resignation of members of the public service commission for sanctioning the merger.

The mayors made the announcement during a meeting of a local civic organization, the members of which announced they would join in the demonstration. I want every man, woman, and boy in the city to meet me Monday, and I will hire a band to head that march on the state house, said the mayor, and we will show the public service commission where to head in. I want to tell Governor McCray just how I feel about this whole thing and demand that he ask their resignations.

Criticizes McCray.

"What is the use to pay Governor McCray a salary if he lets those men sit there on the public service commission and put such stuff as that over on us?" demanded Mr. Shank.

Another angle in the fight against the merger was revealed in the announcement by Taylor E. Groninger, city corporation counsel, that a petition for a rehearing on the merger, which was authorized to organize and issue \$17,496,000 in securities by the commission Thursday, will be filed with the commission early next week. Mr. Groninger made the announcement following a conference with Samuel Ashby, ex-city corporation counsel; Fred Bates Johnson, representing several cities affected by the merger, and William L. Taylor, Indianapolis attorney, representing a number of consumers.

PREMIER OF PEKING  
GOVERNMENT QUILTS

(By Associated Press)

PEKING, Jan. 28.—Liang Shih-Yi has tendered his resignation as premier. Dr. W. W. Yen, the foreign minister, who has been acting as premier during the absence from Peking of Liang Shih-Yi, is understood to have refused to accept the premiership on the ground that he is needed in the foreign office.

Liang Shih-Yi, who has held the premiership of the Peking government only since Dec. 25 last, was reported in several dispatches lately as on the verge of resignation as the result of the opposition of General Wu Pei-Fu, one of the strongest military leaders in China and his cabinet, and it was reported that he was forming a third government, with headquarters at Nanking. General Wu is credited with favoring Dr. Yen for the premiership.

BRITISH TO PROTECT  
OFFICE WITH TROOPS

(By Associated Press)

PEKING, Jan. 28.—British Marines are being held in readiness to land at Hankow to protect the salt administration office against seizure by the forces of General Wu Pei-Fu, who are said to be under orders to occupy it.

Hankow is a treaty port in the province of Hupah. General Wu is inspector general of that province, and was reported in a Peking dispatch on January 22 to have seized the salt revenues there.